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NATIONAL WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

he achievements made with the introduction of National Watershed Development Project (NWDPRA)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

The National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) programme was launched in 1990-91 in 28 States and two Union Territories based on twin concepts of integrated watershed management and sustamable farming system. Since inception till 2003-04, an area of 7.49 million hectare has been developed in the country at an expenditure of Rs.2162.57 crores. Impact evaluation studies both on the ground and through remote sensing techniques have, shown that NWDPRA interventions have led to:

increase in groundwater recharge,

increase in number of wells and water bodies,

enhancement of cropping intensity,

changes in cropping pattern,

higher yields of crops and reduction in soil losses.